PLANT FACT SHEET

Typhonium roxburghii Schott

GENUS *Typhonium* **FAMILY** Araceae

COMMON NAMES Dwarf voodoo lily

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Corms, Root, Leaves

The corms are eaten after being boiled several times. They are very acrid.
It is eaten in times of scarcity.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It has underground tubers. It grows 10-45 cm tall. The corm is a flattened round shape. It is 3.5 cm across. It forms roots at the top. The stems are short and have heart shaped leaves. The leaves are 15-18 cm long. The leaves usually have 3 shallow lobes. They are usually more broad than long. The leaf stalk is 30 cm long. The flower stalk is 10 cm long. Around the flower is a green spathe that narrows to a tip at the end. The fruit are oval berries with 1 or 2 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in damp waste places. It grows up to 1000 m altitude. In Yunnan. It suits the seasonally dry tropics.

NOTES

There are about 50 Typhonium species.

REFERENCES

Altschul, S.V.R., 1973, Drugs and Foods from Little-known Plants. Notes in Harvard University Herbaria. Harvard Univ. Press. Massachusetts. no. 148 (As Typhonium divaricatum)

Ambasta, S.P. (Ed.), 2000, The Useful Plants of India. CSIR India. p 659 (Also as Typhonium divaricatum)

Brown, D., 2000, Aroids. Plants of the Arum family. Timber Press. (Second edition) p 270

Burkill, I.H., 1966, A Dictionary of the Economic Products of the Malay Peninsula. Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Vol 2 (I-Z) p 2235

Lim, T. K., 2015, Edible Medicinal and Non Medicinal Plants. Volume 9, Modified Stems, Roots, Bulbs. Springer p 84

Paczkowska, G. & Chapman, A.R., 2000, The Western Australian Flora. A Descriptive Calatogue. Western Australian Herbarium. p 36

PROSEA handbook Volume 9 Plants yielding non-seed carbohydrates. p 181

Stone, B., (As Typhonium divaricatum)

WATT (As Typhonium divaricatum)

World Checklist of Useful Plant Species 2020. Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew

PROVIDED BY **Food Plants International**

French, B.R. & Maynard, A.R. Food Plants International Database. Food Plants International

LICENCE CC BY-NC-SA 3.0

ONLINE FACT SHEET https://www.echocommunity.org/en/resources/32fcfdcc-6181-440a-8f98-1fd35c38d2a2